

In the claims:

1. (cancelled)

5 2. (cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) A vehicle for raising and transporting a crypt lid, the vehicle comprising a main frame supported on spaced ground-engaging elements which  
 10 locate astride the crypt lid when the vehicle is positioned over the crypt lid, an attachment frame for connection to the lid, the attachment frame being located within the main frame, and a powered lifting mechanism for raising the attachment frame relative to the main frame, A  
 15 ~~vehicle as claimed in claim 1~~ wherein the attachment frame has a plurality of winches thereon, each having a winch line connectible to a respective attachment fitting on the crypt lid.

20 4. (Original) A vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein each winch line has a hook at the free end thereof.

5. (Currently amended) A vehicle as claimed in  
 25 claim ~~4~~3 further comprising a support frame mounted on the main frame and slidable therealong in a direction transverse to the direction of motion of the vehicle, and at least one hydraulic cylinder for moving the support frame transversely relative to main frame, the attachment  
 30 frame being suspended from the support frame.

6. (Original) A vehicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein the attachment frame comprises a generally horizontal rectangular frame, and the powered lifting  
 35 mechanism comprises a plurality of hydraulic cylinders, each connected between a respective corner of the rectangular frame and the support frame.

7. (Original) A lid lifting vehicle for raising and transporting a crypt lid, the vehicle comprising

5 a main frame of generally rectangular configuration when viewed from above, and having a longitudinal axis,

a support frame mounted on the main frame, and adjustable relative to the main frame in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis,

10 an attachment frame dependent from the support frame, the attachment frame having connectors thereon for connection to respective attachment fittings on the crypt lid, and

15 means for raising and lowering the attachment frame relative to the support frame and within the main frame, to thereby raise or lower the crypt lid when connected to the attachment frame.

8. (Original) A vehicle as claimed in claim 7, 20 wherein the connectors comprise winch cables wound on respective winches, and having their free ends adapted to be connected to the attachment fittings.

9. (Original) A method of raising a crypt lid which 25 is buried under soil and/or turf, comprising the steps of locating the horizontal position of the crypt lid,

30 placing a template having an outline corresponding to the outline of the crypt lid on the soil/turf directly above the crypt lid, and cutting through the soil/turf around the perimeter of the template,

35 positioning a lid lifting vehicle over the crypt lid, the vehicle having a main frame and an attachment frame located within the main frame, the attachment frame being able to be raised or lowered relative to the main frame,

the vehicle is positioned over the crypt lid,

an attachment frame for connection to the lid,  
the attachment frame being located within the main frame,

a powered lifting mechanism for raising the  
5 attachment frame relative to the main frame, and

a support frame mounted on the main frame and  
slidable therealong in a direction transverse to the  
direction of motion of the vehicle, and at least one  
hydraulic cylinder for moving the support frame  
10 transversely relative to main frame, the attachment frame  
being suspended from the support frame.

15. (New) A vehicle as claimed in claim 14, wherein the  
attachment frame comprises a generally horizontal  
15 rectangular frame, and the powered lifting mechanism  
comprises a plurality of hydraulic cylinders, each  
connected between a respective corner of the rectangular  
frame and the support frame.